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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring the attached references to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application. Also attached is a completed PTO-1449 form. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of this application. Thus, no fee is believed to be due for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1836. A duplicate copy of this Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

French Patent Publication No. 2 654 698 discloses a bicycle handle bar with integrated central command. Touch sensitive switches (20, 22, 30, 32) are situated in suitable ergonomic positions on the handle bar. An English abstract of this publication is provided to better understand this reference.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 5-338581 discloses a gear shifting device for a cycle having a chain and a pinion transmission which includes a mobile gear shift assembly adapted to latterly displace the chain for enabling passage from one gear to another gear. US Patent No. 5,358,451 is believed to be an equivalent of Japanese Patent Publication No.5-338581. US Patent No. 5,358,451 is cited in this IDS for the Examiner's convenience.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 60-85297 appears to disclose a braking device with a movable brake lever 3. The brake lever 3 has a mechanism 5 mounted to a forward side thereof.

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The Mavic publication appears to disclose an ergonomic brake lever that includes two shifters. A partial English translation of the Mavic publication is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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